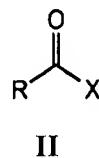


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended) A method of preserving attenuating the effects of age-associated cognitive impairment cognitive function in a mammal in need thereof, comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutical composition of ~~claim 38~~ comprising a therapeutically effective amount of:



to said mammal, wherein:

X is -OH, -O-alkali metal, -NH₂, or -SH; and

R is -CH[(CH₂)₂CH₃]₂.

45-52. (canceled)

53. (currently amended) The method of claim 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47,
or 47 wherein said mammal is human.

54-62. (canceled).